

REMARKS

Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for the reasons noted in the official action. All of the pending claims are accordingly amended, by the above claim amendments, and the presently pending claims are now believed to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter regarded as the invention, thereby overcoming all of the raised § 112, second paragraph, rejections. The entered claim amendments are directed solely at overcoming the raised indefiniteness rejection(s) and are not directed at distinguishing the present invention from the art of record in this case.

Additionally, several examples of "how to control a vehicle" are listed in paragraph [006] of the original specification, wherein it is stated ". . . Nowadays numerous different systems are incorporated in motor vehicles, and their number will increase as time goes by; examples of such systems are the electronic engine controls, the electronic transmission controls, the ASR (drive slip regulation) and ABS (anti-blocking system) functions, the shift strategy controls, the level adjustment, etc. . . ." (Emphasis added). Figure 3 further includes a non-exhaustive list of five such systems that can be utilized by the presently claimed invention, namely a body-vehicle acceleration, roll angle, pitch angle, vehicle-level, and individual wheel slip. These examples are combined in amended paragraph [029] of the specification for better clarity.

The Examiner seems to take issue with dependent claims 11-18 and the representation of functions and characters with variables. The Applicant respectfully submits that these characters are defined directly in the claim in no ambiguous manner. For example, the term "nominal values" is defined in claim 12 as "nominal values $^{soll}y_i$," which clearly defines the variable for subsequent reference.

Furthermore, the Applicant respectfully submits that the new claims and amended claim 10 clearly define the interlinking, i.e the hierarchical and communication relationship of the presently claimed invention. As recited in claim 10, this relationship is communicating the [data] ◆

of the two or more systems between the two or more systems according to the recited
hierarchical structure in the electronic control. In addition new claims 19-27 are added to further
clarify the inventive aspects of the present invention as more specifically recited in accordance
with the specification. The Applicant respectfully submits that the above amendments to the
specification and claims do not introduce new subject matter but do define the presently
claimed invention sufficient to overcome all raised § 112, second paragraph, rejections.

If any further amendment to this application is believed necessary to advance
prosecution and place this case in allowable form, the Examiner is courteously solicited to
contact the undersigned representative of the Applicant to discuss the same.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the raised rejection(s) should
be withdrawn and this application is now placed in a condition for allowance. Action to that end,
in the form of an early Notice of Allowance, is courteously solicited by the Applicant at this time.

The Applicant respectfully requests that any outstanding objection(s) or requirement(s),
as to the form of this application, be held in abeyance until allowable subject matter is indicated
for this case.

In the event that there are any fee deficiencies or additional fees are payable, please
charge the same or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account (Account No. 04-0213).

Respectfully submitted,



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